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WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (AP) —A science study group urged the Government today to ban further installation of asbestos cement pipe to carry drinking water until researchers can determine whether the asbestos might contribute to stomach cancer.

The Center for Science in the Public Interest, a nonprofit, independent research group, estimated in a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency that the nation had about 200,000 miles of asbestos cement pipe carrying drinking water.

The E.P.A. advised Duluth and other Minnesota residents last summer to stop drinking water from Lake Superior because the water contained a high concentration of asbestos particles.

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